Claims

1	1. A network router having an internal automated backup, comprising:	
2	a primary port facility;	
3	a card array having at least one backup router card; and	
4	a switched fabric, wherein the switched fabric automatically replaces a	
5	failed router card connected to the primary port facility with a backup router card	
	from the card array.	
6	2. The router of claim 1, wherein the primary port facility comprises a primary	
i E	processor and a secondary processor.	
	3. The router of claim 1, wherein the primary port facility has serial connection	
	ports for connecting to router cards.	
1	4. The router of claim 1, wherein the switched fabric comprises:	
2	an information system for receiving a failure message from the primary	
3	port facility; and	
4	a switching system for mechanically replacing the failed router card with	
5	the backup router card in response to the failure message.	

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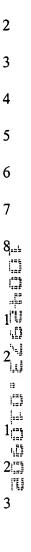
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- 5. The router of claim 4, wherein the information system includes a bus for communicating routing information between the primary port facility and the card array.
- 6. The router of claim 4, wherein the switching system includes a replacement mechanism for mechanically replacing the failed router card with the backup router card.
- 7. The router of claim 1, wherein the failed router card is moved into an expanded bay by the switched fabric.



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2	a primary port facility;
3	a card array having at least one backup router card; and
4	a switched fabric for automatically replacing a failed router card
5	connected to the primary port facility with a backup router card from the card
6	array, wherein the switched fabric includes an information system for receiving a
7	failure message from the primary port facility and a switching system for
8 ₁₌₁ 	replacing the failed router card with the backup router card.
8, 1,0 2,0	9. The router of claim 8, wherein the primary port facility includes a primary processor and a secondary processor.
1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1	10. The router of claim 8, wherein the switching system includes a replacement mechanism for mechanically replacing the failed router card with the backup router card.
1	11. The router of claim 8, wherein the information system includes a bus for

8. A network router having an internal automated backup, comprising:

3 array.

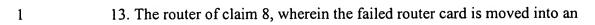
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12. The router of claim 8, wherein router cards connect to the primary port facility and the card array via male-female connections.

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14. A network router having an internal automated backup, comprising:

a primary port facility having a primary processor and a secondary processor;

a card array having backup router cards; and

a switched fabric for automatically replacing a failed router card connected to the primary port facility with a backup router card from the card array, wherein the switched fabric includes an information system for receiving a failure message from the primary port facility and a switching system for mechanically replacing the failed router card with the backup router card.

- 15. The router of claim 14, wherein the switching system comprises a replacement mechanism that connects and disconnects router cards from the primary port facility and the card array.
- 16. The router of claim 15, wherein the router cards connect to the primary port facility and the card array via male-female connections.
- 17. The route of claim 14, wherein the information system includes a bus that communicates routing information between the primary port facility to the card array.
- 18. The router of claim 14, wherein the failed router card is moved into an expanded bay by the switched fabric.